

# **Liar Poker Norton Paperback by Michael Lewis: A Riveting Tale of Wall Street Deception**

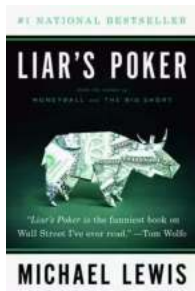
When it comes to captivating non-fiction books about the world of finance, Michael Lewis is a name that immediately comes to mind. Known for his ability to interweave complex financial concepts with compelling storytelling, Lewis brings to life the glitz, greed, and deception that have come to define Wall Street. One of his earliest works, "Liar Poker," published by W. W. Norton & Company, is a masterpiece that explores the cutthroat culture of Wall Street during the 1980s, and its impact on the global financial landscape.

Originally released in 1989, "Liar Poker" is a first-hand account of Lewis' experiences as a bond salesman at Salomon Brothers. Lewis provides readers with a front-row seat to the frenzied world of bond traders, where millions of dollars are won or lost in seconds. With wit and insight, Lewis paints a vivid picture of the ruthless competition, outrageous behavior, and the relentless pursuit of wealth that defined the era.

The title "Liar Poker" refers to a high-stakes game played by traders at Salomon Brothers, where players bid on a deck of cards and then try to outsmart their opponents by bluffing. This game serves as a metaphor for the larger game played by Wall Street firms during that time - a game filled with lies, manipulation, and the pursuit of profit above all else.

## **Liar's Poker (Norton Paperback)**

by Michael Lewis(Reprint Edition, Kindle Edition)



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Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
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In the book, Lewis introduces readers to several fascinating characters, including John Gutfreund, the charismatic CEO of Salomon Brothers, and Lewis Ranieri, the brilliant trader who revolutionized the mortgage bond market. Through their stories, Lewis explores the moral bankruptcy that often permeated the industry, as well as the devastating consequences it had on the global economy.

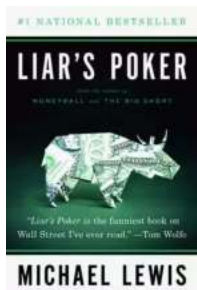
What sets "Liar Poker" apart from other books about Wall Street is Lewis' ability to make complex financial concepts accessible to the average reader. He breaks down complex bond trading strategies, demystifies Wall Street jargon, and exposes the flaws in the system that allowed greed to rule. This makes the book highly educational, even for those without a background in finance.

The vivid descriptions in "Liar Poker" transport readers to the heart of the trading floor, where the pressure is palpable, and fortunes are made and lost in an instant. Lewis' writing style is fast-paced, humorous, and often shocking, making it difficult to put the book down. His keen observations and storytelling prowess add depth and richness to the narrative, while shedding light on the darker side of the financial world.

Despite being written over three decades ago, "Liar Poker" remains a timeless cautionary tale about the excesses of Wall Street. It serves as a stark reminder of the dangers of unchecked greed, and the need for stricter regulations and ethical behavior in the financial industry.

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, "Liar Poker" by Michael Lewis is a must-read for anyone interested in understanding the inner workings of Wall Street and the consequences of its unchecked power. With its engaging narrative, insightful analysis, and timeless relevance, this book is a true gem in the world of finance literature. Whether you're a seasoned investor or simply curious about the dark underbelly of the financial world, "Liar Poker" will captivate you from the very first page.



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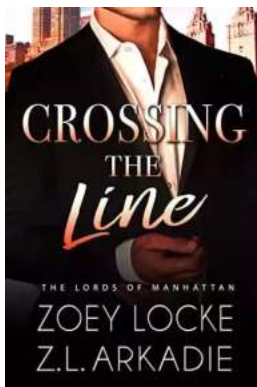
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The time was the 1980s. The place was Wall Street. The game was called Liar's Poker.

Michael Lewis was fresh out of Princeton and the London School of Economics when he landed a job at Salomon Brothers, one of Wall Street's premier investment firms. During the next three years, Lewis rose from callow trainee to bond salesman, raking in millions for the firm and cashing in on a modern-day gold rush. Liar's Poker is the culmination of those heady, frenzied years—a behind-the-scenes look at a unique and turbulent time in American business. From the frat-boy camaraderie of the forty-first-floor trading room to the killer instinct that made ambitious young men gamble everything on a high-stakes game of bluffing and deception, here is Michael Lewis's knowing and hilarious insider's account of an unprecedented era of greed, gluttony, and outrageous fortune.



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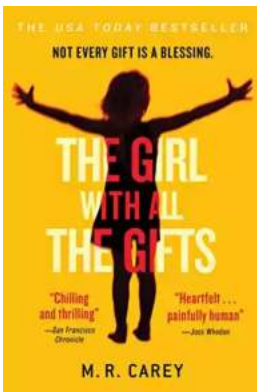
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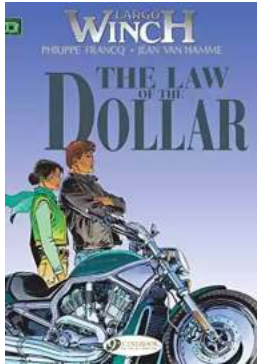
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